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Bravery never goes out of fashion.—Thackeray.

BACK TO THE CONSTITUTION.

AFTER conferring for some time with Senator Harding yesterday former Senator Albert J. Beveridge issued a statement in which he declared that Mr. Harding's policy is to restore actual governmental administration to the United States.

It would be hard to imagine a service of higher importance to the country than just that. We were swept far from the ancient moorings during the war. To a certain extent that was inevitable, although the movement would not have gone as far as it did had there been another kind of an administration in charge. But there is not much use in wasting regrets over what has occurred. The big thing is to get back on a peace basis as speedily as possible and restore the government to its traditional character.

And that cannot be done by the Democrats. There must be a change of control as well as a change in direction. Senator Harding, who during the war was openly in favor of whatever centralization was necessary to bring the full strength of the nation to bear upon the war effort, is proving to be an ideal man to undertake the movement back to the constitution, and if the campaign managers are wise they will stress that point quite strongly.

NEW TASTES NEEDED.

THE Canadian government has leased the southern half of Baffin Island to the explorer, Stefansson. He proposes to use it to breed reindeer and musk-ox for food.

A few days ago dispatches announced the shipment of a large number of slaughtered reindeer from Alaska. Some time ago announcement was made of an enterprise to can whale meat and market it. Tuna fish was a rarity a few years ago. Now it is a common article of diet, and is to be had in groceries throughout the United States.

Perhaps whale meat, reindeer steaks, musk-ox and other game will become common eventually, and obtainable in every market.

When this country was younger game formed an important article of diet. But if all the wild game left in the country were killed and marketed in a single season, there wouldn't be enough to go around. This indicates the tremendous amount of food it takes to feed the present population of the United States.

Crops are short this season, and promise of supplies of meat from new sources take on a new interest.

Musk-ox meat might be welcomed. Also reindeer veni-

son and whale meat. If it didn't seem so good as beef, one might yet cultivate a taste for it. All that most of us can say now to the question, "Do you like it?" is "I don't know. I haven't tried any yet."

THE OHIO TRADITION.

THOSE who can remember back four years and thus can compare the difficulties that Judge Hughes experienced in getting his campaign started, and the trouble he seemed to have to get along with the politicians with whom it was necessary for him to discuss policies and campaign plans, with the ease that Harding is having will be apt to conclude that there is something very substantial to this thing men call the Ohio political tradition.

Politicians of all grades and conditions seem just naturally to flock to the Harding office door and he sends them all away rooting for him and predicting that he will make a successful campaign and be a president who will give great satisfaction to the American people. Harding began with such hard boiled individuals as Senators Brandegee and Fall and he ran the gamut and wound up yesterday with Beveridge, of Indiana, taking in by way of digression Herbert Hoover and one or two other out and out independents. And every one of them came away feeling that the Chicago convention was fortunate in its choice and the Republican party secure in a candidate for the presidency that it can afford to get behind with all its might.

It takes more than an ordinary amount of personal charm and political ability to do all of that with the uniform success that Senator Harding has been showing. It may be doubted that any other than the finished product of the great Ohio school of applied politics could do it as well. To the Ohioans, however, it seems to come natural. They possess the power on both sides of the political fence in the Buckeye state, and no doubt it accounts in great measure for the great influence that Ohio exerts upon national affairs.

There was so much difference of opinion at last night's Chamber of Commerce conference over the complete separation of the freight service of the two railroads that the order for the separation in all probability will be permitted to stand. The railroads want it that way, and as it will promote competition it probably would be a good thing if the facilities of both roads here were adequate. They are far from being that, but the business men persist in looking at the question from the standpoint of personal advantage, and as a result the railroads have their way, which is the usual outcome of such controversies. The difference between the right and the wrong system is of much more importance to the city as a whole than the ordinary shipper or receiver of freight is apt to imagine, and the attitude of the city should be determined by experts after an examination of all the facts and without regard to the personal preference of individuals.

James Hamilton Lewis, former senator from Illinois and spokesman on the floor of the senate for the Wilson administration, is of the opinion that the treaty should not be the supreme issue of the campaign. There are a lot of other people who agree with him in that, but if the Democratic party wants to back up its administration it is going to be hard to keep it out of the campaign no matter how much the politicians on both sides might try to do that. The treaty has been a plaything of the politicians for months and now, as is quite natural under the circumstances, they are finding it very difficult to get rid of it.

Speaking at the centenary of the Harvard Law school yesterday Judge Hughes declared that our material progress seems to have created complexities beyond our political competency. That is not the first time that has happened, but in this instance the great trouble lies in the fact that our greatest failure is in law enforcement. Until we are willing to enforce the laws vigorously and without favor all the political thinking we may do will be wasted.

It is impossible to winnow out of the conflicting statements made by the men and the roads what the actual strike status in the big eastern shipping centers is, but the public knows from actual experience that whether there are few or many men out freight traffic has been shot to pieces, and business is going to suffer another severe setback.

and the people back to a normal basis. He said:

"Turn the railroads back and set our face against government ownership. What is government ownership except a compromise with Socialism? Get rid of paternalism."

Again he said: "I grant that it was necessary to concentrate powers on the Government during the war so as to enforce restrictions that are intolerable in peace. In winning the war the country and its governmental machine had to be supreme and I favored it and voted for it."

"But the dangers of war time are passed and we must free the people from those restrictions. It is useless to expect old time initiative and enterprise without old time freedom of action. I believe the prime need of the hour is to end unnecessary interference with and restraint of business. We need to stop things that were started under the imperative demand of war and get back to the normal conditions of peace."

Again he said: "A while ago the average man knew nothing, as a matter of fact, about Federal taxes. The billion a year that we used to spend came from internal revenue taxes of liquor, tobacco and the like and customs taxes on imports. The man who finally paid the taxes did not know he was doing it in most instances."

Before the war people who wanted the Government to do nearly everything were restrained by apparent lack of money. They saw the Government spending a billion or so a year; they saw it spending all that was plainly in sight and they heard constant cries for economy. They did not know there was more money to be tapped; at least they did not realize it clearly. But the war showed that the United States Government could get billions upon billions in emergencies and that it could levy taxes running into billions each year. And having had a glimpse of all that money power, the spenders descended on the Government with every conceivable scheme for the Government to do every conceivable thing.

"We cannot stand it. When the spenders in check." Hold the years of his dogged toll to build up his struggling newspaper out in Ohio. Senator Harding knew that squander would ruin him and his property, he did not let waste and extravagance creep in; he fought them off. In later years, when he was called into other established business enterprises because of his proved judgment, ability and character, and found they were too heavy with expenses, he did not smoothly or eloquently try to explain them away; he chopped them out.

In his own business affairs, in the

business affairs of others entrusted to his management, Senator Harding's practical policy has been to evict nonsense, install industry and get down to business. His work of lifetime, his success of a practical career, his course as a public official, all certify, with the certification of American achievement and honor, that when he takes up the administration of the affairs of the American people his policy also will be that the United States Government must get down to business.

Lucy Yates Handy With Knife and Gun

Lucy Yates, colored, who stabbed Lillian Johnson, also colored, at Shaft Row, Barnstow, yesterday afternoon at about five o'clock, has not yet been captured.

The two women are said to have quarreled at the Yates home, over some trifling matter, but the Yates woman attacked the other with a knife cutting her in the back and inflicting wounds of a very serious nature. She is said also to have tried to shoot another woman but the gun failed to explode.

The injured woman was taken to Cook hospital.

Jim Yates, husband of the fugitive was locked up as a witness.

Railroad News of Local Interest

Trainmaster Ernest Bartlett has removed his headquarters in the B. & O. station to the railroad Y. M. C. A. room. This change was necessitated by removing the physician's room from the freight station to the passenger station. Effort will be made by the railroad to locate a suitable room for the Y. M. C. A. B. & O. yardmaster at Fairmont, is home from a trip to Baltimore.

Some delay will be experienced in the running of mallet engines between Fairmont and Grafton due to the necessary track repair between Colfax and Kingmont. Additional trackmen will do the work.

Yankee Tennis Champ Defeated in England

WIMBLEDON, England, June 22.—J. C. Parke, the British international tennis player, defeated Wm. M. Johnson, United States single champion in the contest for the British championship today, 7-5, 6-2, 5-6.

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Varsity Men May Have Camp Here

MORGANTOWN, June 22.—The search for a suitable training site for the West Virginia University football squad for this fall has narrowed down to two places, i. e., Mountain Lake Park or the Fairmont Country club. It was thought for a time that arrangements could be made to provide a temporary camp on Cheat river, near here, but since there are to be more than forty men in camp this fall and since the requirements for eating and sleeping call for the very best, this has been practically abandoned as impracticable.

Mountain Lake Park with its numerous hotels big lake for bathing, adequate field for practice and its superb climate is regarded as an ideal spot, though the Fairmont Country club from many standpoints, would be a more attractive place, particularly because it is inside the state of West Virginia. The Mountain Lake Park people have been seeking to have the squad locate there and have made unusually attractive rates. Coach McIntire and Director Stansbury expect to visit Mountain Lake Park shortly and their views on the matter will be presented to a special committee from the athletic board consisting of Dr. S. J. Morris and Gilbert B. Miller who are authorized to decide the matter.

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The Democratic party is as full of ghosts as a grave yard.

Frinstance, here's old Bill McCombs rising up to take a swat at Woodrow.

Bill was one of the original claim holders in Woodrow.

But like Colonel Harvey and Marse Henry and Lansing he got the hard throwdown, and now he is trying to square the account.

By the way why does it happen that Marse Henry has not tried to collect his little package of revenge?

Probably is because he is too big a man to want to square accounts in that way.

It was the great earthquake which put a handicap on San Francisco in the race with Los Angeles for population honors out on the Pacific coast.

Then right after the census bureau announced that Los Angeles had won an earthquake visited that town.

Fate must enjoy having a big laugh every once in a while.

It will be interesting to see what Los Angeles will do to alibi that quake.

But perhaps the way San Francisco advertises it will be even more interesting.

If that dispatch which says Greece is to have a free hand in Turkey means what it says the Mohammedan heaven is apt to be badly crowded before very long.

According to one set of political writers Old Bill Bryan is going to insist upon Wilson running for president again.

That is a red Indian kind of revenge but the question is—

Is he trying to get even with the Democratic party or just with Woodrow?

The world's winter wheat acreage is 17 per cent less than last year's and 9 per cent below the five-year average.

Western Canada has 190,000,000 acres of arable land, no under cultivation, as compared with 35,000,000 that are being tilled.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

J. H. Eccles was complaining that his son would not be guided by his advice:

"I kicked like a steer but my son, Paul, bought one of those airplanes for fifteen minutes."

Governor Cornwell either expects to find "relief" at the San Francisco convention or camouflages a desire to attend in such clothes for he telegraphed Dr. Charles A. Sinsel, president of the state senate:

"I am so badly in need of a few days' relief from the strain of work which is beginning to tell on me."

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

WHEN HARDING GETS THE GOVERNMENT DOWN TO BUSINESS.

From The Sun and New York Herald.
For seven years this country has been suffering for lack of competent, level headed business management. For seven years the American people, to whom that great business organization belongs, have been standing the costs of its mismanagement and blunders and have been bearing the humiliation of its failures. Now they want a practical, horse-sense business manager capable of filling his job, capable of filling the jobs of his assistants with fit and efficient workers who will deliver the goods. And the American people can get what they want from the Republican nominee for President.

Warren G. Harding is the very man to fill the bill. He is fit for it by nature and by upbringing. He is fit for it by business experience, hard work and close figuring. He is fit for it by the problems he has been called upon to meet and the acts he has been called upon to perform in the United States Senate during the war.
Harding, the business man, seasoned in the school of experience from the bottom up, favored concentration of power in the Executive branch of the government during the war emergency, and as Senator strove for it and voted for it. But the minute the emergency was passed the clear eyed, hard headed, practical man aimed and voted as Senator to get the country